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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report issued on February 1, 2007, in connection with a counterpart European patent application. This Supplementary European Search Report cites a single document, Japanese Patent Document No. 2002-124114. No. 2002-124114 has previously been submitted in the above-identified application, with the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 15, 2006, upon originally filing the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed document.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

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counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with present submission of the document listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed document, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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